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The representative of the education department found a secret list containing the names of children whom the teacher had visited at their homes under the pretext of giving religious instructions. The investigation disclosed that the teacher had violated seriously the provisions of the agreement concluded between the State and the Church. It was also proved that the Plurist teacher tried to influence the thinking of the children attending his class. As a result of the findings, Somorjai was dismissed.

POLITBUREAU MEMBER AGAINST "CLERICAL REACTION" -- Budapest, Szabad Nep, 29 Jun 52

Before the central leadership of the Hungarian Workers' Party, Marton Horvath, a member of the Politbureau, recently made a speech, which contained a vehement attack against the Church. He asserted that it was a great mistake for the state and government organizations to have neglected the fight against clerical reaction.

Highlights of his speech follow: As a result, illusions pertaining to the "harmless" nature of clerical reaction have gained ground. The Mindszenty and Grosz trials and other defeats suffered by the representatives of Wall Street and the Vatican meant a serious setback to the enemy.

The agreement concluded between the State and the Church has proved the strength of the Hungarian democratic system; however, this progress does not mean that the followers of Mindszenty and Grosz, that is, the wolves of yesterday, became lambs. It is unpardonable that some party functionaries and members still entertain an optimistic viewpoint in regard to this front of class struggle. It cannot be tolerated that certain party functionaries participate in church affairs. And how can these persons educate the people and fulfill their party obligations if they expose their own children to the influence of those, who use every weapon of spiritual terror and instigate the children against the state, school, education, and even against their Communist parents!

Some of the comrades are being misled by the new tactic of clerical reaction, which appears in a "democratic" disguise after having learned the lesson of the Mindszenty and Grosz trials. The clerical element knows that a strong reaction would be entirely ruinous. Our policy has been and still is that the support of priests who are loyal to the state is necessary. We also believe that they ought to be drawn into the peace movement, although it is wise to be cautious so far as the political and religious illusions of the Church are concerned. On the other side, there are priests in some localities who are not only supporters of the peace efforts but also participate in producers' cooperatives.

Methods of clerical reaction are diversified and follow the hypocritical tradition of the Jesuits. We must liquidate certain false notions connected with the alleged "peaceful" intentions of clerical reaction. With systematic propaganda, we must prove, within the party, the Marxian axiom that religion is the opium of the people. We must demand that our functionaries and self-respecting party members display an exemplary attitude toward all members of the party. In addition, we must call to account party members who participate in church matters or allow their children to attend religious instructions. We must warn our comrades to adhere to the Communist principles and, if it is necessary, we must help them overcome their backward attitude toward religion. We must also be active among nonparty members who mistakenly believe in religion.

In the course of the education of the masses, the lesson of the Grosz trial ought to be used more vigorously. Great emphasis must be placed on the education of the politically and economically important miners as well as of women and the youth who are in the main target of clerical reaction.

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ATTACKS VATICAN -- Budapest, Napezava, 3 Jul 52

The Vatican has been the enemy of science for a thousand years. The Vatican has become the principal supporter of the imperialists in their fight against scientific progress. However, historical progress has been delivering blow after blow to degenerate capitalism and its ally, clerical reaction. In the meantime, the imperialists and the Vatican have lost sight of the fact that workers the world over took the direction of their fate into their own hands.

It is imperative that progressive elements of the world uncover the Vatican's plot against science. Teaching of natural sciences and materialistic philosophy are important weapons which will achieve the eventual liberation of the workers from the agents of the Vatican.

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